

# Education and Incentives

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# Agenda

- ◆ Wisconsin State Education Benefits
- ◆ Federal Education Benefits
- ◆ Testing
- ◆ Contact Information



# State Education Benefits

- ❖ **Wisconsin Tuition Reimbursement Grant:** (*[dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education](http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education)*)
  - ❖ Tuition reimbursement up to 8 semesters, up to UW-Madison rate (approx. \$4,700)
  - ❖ Wisconsin schools or schools with reciprocity with Wisconsin
  - ❖ Wisconsin DMA Form 189 completed by student to apply within 90 days of end of semester
  - ❖ Only good towards first bachelors
  - ❖ Soldier pays tuition upfront
  - ❖ Reimbursement at end of semester
  - ❖ Enlisted and Warrants only
  - ❖ Can only use while serving in the NG

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD TUITION GRANT APPLICATION	
<small>Application in compliance with: Privacy Act of 1974, E09397; WIARNG Regulation #621-7, WI ANG Regulation #53-0 and WI Statutes, Section 321.40. Completion of form is voluntary, however, lack thereof will prevent grant processing. Personal information will not be used for any other purpose.</small>	
<b>STUDENT PORTION: THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS (DMA) NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER EACH COMPLETION OF A COURSE OR TERM, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.</b> After completing <b>all</b> lines in the student portion, the applicant must submit this application to the appropriate College Registrar's Office or Veterans' Office for certification of the school portion. Submit an application even if a course(s) is incomplete. Reimbursement is based on 100% of the tuition charged at the student's qualifying school or the maximum resident undergraduate tuition charged by the University of WI Madison, whichever is less. This grant will be suspended if the soldier/airman is AWOL or flagged & denied if the student is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments s. 49.854(2)(b), WI Stats. Direct questions to the DMA Tuition Grant Specialist at 608-242-3159.	
Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Check Guard Membership: Army _____ Air _____	
Print Name: _____ Check: Male _____ Female _____ First Middle Last	
Address where check should be sent: _____ City: _____	
State: _____ Zip: _____ Birthdate: _____ Academic Term Dates From: _____ To: _____ Month Day Year Month Day Year	
School Name: _____ # of credits anticipated this academic term _____	
I certify that: (1) the above information is correct, (2) I do not have a Bachelor's Degree, (3) I must achieve a minimum grade point	



# State Education Benefits

- ◆ **Wisconsin State GI Bill** (*WisVets.com or 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)*)
  - ❖ 128 credits towards tuition waived at UW or Wis. Tech. College System
  - ❖ Must have been a resident of Wisconsin during AIT, BOLC, AD, or Deployment, or a resident of WI for 5 years after qualifying service (DD214)
  - ❖ Can use during and after military service
  - ❖ Must exhaust Post 9/11 GI Bill (can combine)
  - ❖ Use for any degree... Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate
  - ❖ Most commonly used benefit by officers, 2<sup>nd</sup> most commonly used by enlisted
  - ❖ \*\*\*Dependents of qualifying service members with 30%+ service connected disability also qualify \*\*\*



# State Education Benefits

- ◆ **Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant** (*WisVets.com or 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)*)
  - ❖ \$2,000 grant up to 8 semesters/128 credits for eligible veterans at many private nonprofit schools in Wisconsin.
  - ❖ Same eligibility rules of Wisconsin GI Bill apply
  - ❖ New as of November 2020

# Federal Education Benefits

## ◆ Chapter 1606 Select Reserve

- ❖ 2020/21 rate: \$397 per full month (pro-rated)
- ❖ You may have an additional kicker of \$200 or \$350
- ❖ “Pocket money” to use for books, housing, food, etc.
- ❖ Apply at [va.gov](https://va.gov) to get eligibility letter
- ❖ Give eligibility letter to VA rep on college campus
- ❖ Most commonly used federal benefit by National Guard troops
- ❖ Combine this federal benefit with either state benefit or FTA



# Federal Education Benefits

- ◆ **Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)** [\*www.ArmyIgnitEd.com\*](http://www.ArmyIgnitEd.com)
  - ❖ 16 semester hours (SH) /\$250 per SH/up to \$4,000 /per fiscal year
  - ❖ Effective May 4, 2021, service members enrolled in a half-time or more program of study may now receive the Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill – Select Reserve (MGIB-SR) benefits simultaneously for the same course.
  - ❖ You must be very proactive. Create a ArmyIgnitEd.com account and have supporting documentation uploaded and approved before the start of the course
  - ❖ Why use FTA:
    - Don't qualify for Grant or WI GI BILL school, generally something strictly online
    - Have used up other benefits

# Federal Education Benefits

## ◆ Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill ([www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov))

- ❖ Up to 100% of in-state tuition
- ❖ Up to \$25K for foreign or private schools
- ❖ Up to \$1,000 book/supply stipend
- ❖ Monthly housing allowance
  - BAH rate E-5 w/ dependents
  - BAH determined by ZIP code of school
  - \$916.60 for online courses
- ❖ You can transfer this to dependents
- ❖ You can combine Post 9/11 GI Bill with FTA, Tuition Grant, or WI GI Bill to cover any remaining cost if your Post 9/11 is not 100%

Post 9/11 Qualifying Service Time (Cumulative time)	
At least 36 months, or purple heart recipient	100%
30 months	90%
24 months	80%
18 months	70%
6 months	60%
90 days	50%





USING YOUR G.I. BILL

EXACTLY HOW IT FEELS.

# Chapter 33 Post 9/11

## ❖ Percentage Explained

- ❖ Tuition paid to school
- ❖ Housing stipend (BAH E5 w/ Dependents) paid to you
- ❖ \$1,000 book stipend paid to you
- ❖ If you have less than 100% you should combine with another benefit to cover tuition.
- ❖ Qualifying private schools can use Post 9/11, Tuition Grant, and FTA all together (Concordia, Alverno, Marquette)



# Federal Education Benefits

## ❖ Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) ([www.milconnect.com](http://www.milconnect.com))

- ❖ Transfer of education benefits is a retention tool.
- ❖ Service member must have at least six total years of service.
- ❖ Service member commits to a four year service obligation beginning on the day of the initial transfer.
- ❖ A service member who transfers benefits does not forfeit their own future eligibility to use Post 9/11.
- ❖ The service member can transfer the benefits back to themselves at any time and move between recipients.
- ❖ Post 9/11 GI Bill is the only education benefit eligible to transfer.

# Federal Benefits – 48 month rule

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- ◇ The two most common Federal GI BILL benefits are Chapter 1606 Select Reserve for National Guard Service and Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI BILL for Active Duty Service
- ◇ Types of GI BILLS: Chapter 1606, 1607, 30, 33, 35
- ◇ If you have eligibility for more than one GI BILL remember that you can have **36 months** of any one program, but only 48 months total combined of all GI BILL programs
- ◇ Example:
  - ◇ 12 months of Chapter 1606 and 36 months of Post 9/11 GI BILL
- ◇ Note: The Wisconsin State GI BILL is not part of this 48 month rule... it's just terribly named.



# Apprenticeship Programs/Certifications

- ◆ GI BILLS ( even 1606) can be used to supplement your income during your five year apprenticeship program.
- ◆ If the union does not pay and you pay tuition at a qualifying school you could be reimbursed with the Wisconsin Tuition Reimbursement Grant.
- ◆ GI BILL Can be used for certain certifications.
  - ❖ Home inspector, relator, personal trainer and many more.
  - ❖ [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/licensing\\_certification.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/licensing_certification.asp)

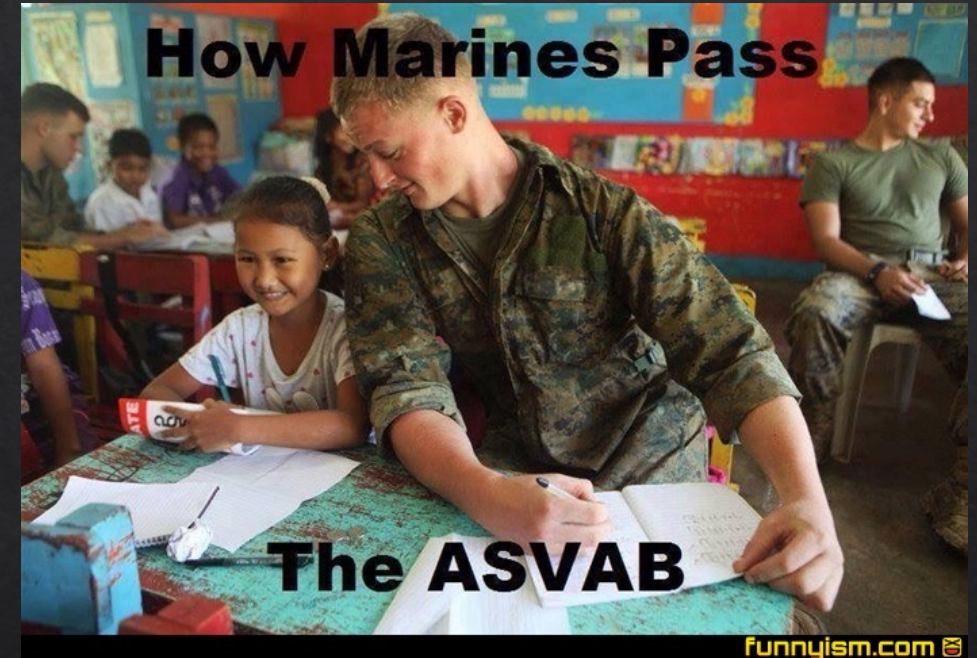
# Credentialing Assistance – Army COOL

- ◆ Credentialing Assistance (CA) ([www.ArmyIgnitEd.com](http://www.ArmyIgnitEd.com))
- ◆ Up to \$4,000 per FY toward eligible credentials
- ◆ Examples: Private Pilots License, Home Inspector, EMT, Cross Fit Trainer, Respiratory Therapist, Project Management, Public Affairs Accreditation, Logistics Technician
- ◆ Funding towards classroom, training, books, fees, testing, certification
- ◆ No service obligation for enlisted - four year service obligation for officers
- ◆ [www.cool.army.mil](http://www.cool.army.mil)



# Testing

- ◆ ASVAB / AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT
- ◆ Testing administered each Thursday at 0900
- ◆ Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs  
Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ)  
2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704



Testing sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45adab2ba4f49-testing>

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